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LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that warships of the United Kingdom on station in the Arabian Gulf are continuing to engage in acts of provocation against Iraqi civilian vessels in Iraqi territorial waters. At 1300 hours on 26 October 1995, a British frigate bearing the number 89 lowered a boat with an officer and three men on board carrying weapons. They drew alongside the Iraqi tug Dimashq, which was at anchor inside Iraqi territorial waters 1.5 nautical miles west of Mina' al-Bakr, and questioned its master for half an hour.

Such acts of provocation confirm the hostile intentions of the Government of the United Kingdom towards Iraq and indicate that the United Kingdom persists in provoking Iraq inside its own territorial waters with a view to creating pretexts for further action against it.

I request you to intervene, as required by the responsibilities entrusted to you under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to prevent any repetition of unwarranted actions that are in flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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